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SUBJECT: NKOMO'S WHEREABOUTS

REF: (A) LUSAKA 2213

1. DCM MET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO'S ASSISTANT EDWARD NDLOVU AFTERNOON OF SEPT 1 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT NKOMO'S WHEREABOUTS AND FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS. ACCORDING TO NDLOVU, NKOMO IS IN NAIROBI AND EXPECTED TO RETURN TO LUSAKA NO LATER THAN THIS WEEKEND. NDLOVU SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE NKOMO COULD BE REACHED IN NAIROBI. NKOMO DOES NOT PLAN TO REMAIN IN LUSAKA MORE THAN ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO SALISBURY. RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO NDLOVU, HAVE REQUESTED THAT HE RETURN TO RHODESIA FOR DISCUSSIONS.

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NDLOVU PROMISED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS NKOMO

RETURNS TO LUSAKA.

2. NDLOVU WAS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT MEETING OF
LIBERATION LEADERS BEING HELD WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL IN
MOZAMBIQUE. HE DESCRIBED IT AS ONE MORE EFFORT TO FORCE
UNITY ON LIBERATION LEADERS. MACHEL'S EFFORT, HE SAID, WAS
DOOMED TO FAILURE. JASON MOYO, REPRESENTING ANC/NKOMO, AT
MEETING WOULD TAKE POSITION THAT UNITY IS SOMETHING THAT
CANNOT BE ATTAINED OUTSIDE ZIMBABWE. RATHER, UNITY MUST BE
BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AS EXPRESSED
WITHIN ZIMBABWE.

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